price level as against the lwvel of 8 and 41% above the M.P. in the corresponding period of last year. Reports about the closure of Handloom and Powerloom units adversely affecting a large number of handlooms and powerloom weavers, have started coming in as yarn prices are now exhibiting a rising trend.

राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम की मिलों में स्वैच्छिक सेवा-निवृत्ति

182. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने यह निर्णय किया है कि राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम की मिलों के कर्मकारों को स्वैच्छिक सेवा-निवृत्ति लेने पर एन०आर०एफ० योजना के अन्तर्गत प्रतिवर्ष डेढ़ माह के वेतन के हिसाब से अनुग्रह राशि का भुगतान किया जाएगा;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम की मिलों के कर्मकारों के समान परिस्थितियों में कार्यरत विभिन्न राज्यों में स्थित अन्य वस्त्र मिलों के कर्मकारों को भी अनुग्रह राशि के रूप में प्रतिवर्ष डेढ़ माह के वेतन का भुगतान करने के लिये एन०आर०एफ० योजना में इसी प्रकार का प्रावधान करने के लिये राज्य सरकारों से कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उन राज्य सरकारों के नाम क्या हैं और उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकट स्वामी): (क) एन टी सी मिलों में लागू स्वैच्छिक सेवा निवृत्ति योजना में की गई सेवा के प्रत्येक वर्ष के लिए डेढ़ माह की परिलब्धियों के बराबर की अनुग्रह राशि अथवा सेवा के समय की परिलब्धियों को सेवा निवृत्ति की सामान्य आयु तक शेष बचे माह की सेवा से गुणा करके प्राप्त राशि के बराबर की राशि इनमें से जो भी कम हो, के भुगतान का प्रावधान है।

(ख) और (ग) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से अनुग्रह धन राशि भुगतान के ऐसे ही प्रावधान के संबंध में अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं। ऐसे अनुरोधों पर नोडिए मंत्रालय द्वारा राष्ट्रीय नवीकरण निधि की औपचारिकताओं के ढांचे के भीतर विचार किया जाना है।

Rise in Yarn Prices

183. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI:
SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a monthly rise in yarn prices during the last six months as compared to the prices of cotton, if so, the reasons therefor?

(b) whether inclusion of the powerloom industry in the tripartite committee that fixed the prices is being considered; and

(c) what steps are being taken to stop the member mills from changing prices too often?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) There has been increase in prices of Cotton Yarn in last six months due to sharp rise in the prices of raw cotton.

(b) and (c) There is no statutory control on prices of cotton yarn. Prices are governed by market forces of demand and supply. However, Government is concerned about the cotton yarn prices situation and prices are regularly being monitored. Recently, the Government has persuaded the Industry to supply hank yarn at prices which are lower by at least Rs. 8.00 per Kilo as compared to the prices prevailing in January, 1994.

Schemes for the Development of Handloom Sector

184. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have urged the State Governments to expedite implementation of various schemes formulated by it for the development of the handloom sector and for the welfare of handloom weavers; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Governments are urged from time to time to expedite implementation of various schemes formulated by the Government of India for the development of the handloom sector and for the welfare of handloom weavers. A new scheme for setting up 3000 Handloom Development Centres and 500 Quality Dyeing Units has also been launched from the current year, besides other ongoing schemes.

Co-operative Cotton Yarn Mills in Gujarat

185. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Cooperative cotton yarn mills in Gujarat;

(b) whether these mills are capable of meeting the demands of handloom and powerloom industries;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up new cotton yarn mills in the Cooperative Sector; and

(d) if so, the number and location of the new mills proposed to be set up during 1994-95 and the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) As on 31.3.93, there were *4* cooperative spinning mills (cotton/man-made fibre textile mills) in Gujarat.

(b) Demands of yarn of handloom and powerloom sectors are met out of the production of all the spinning mills in the country whether in the Private, Public and Cooperative Sector.

(c) and (d) The Government on its own, does not set up any new cotton yarn mill in the cooperative sector. However, as per information made available by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), there are proposals to set up 40 cooperative spinning mills in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan period. The tentative State-wise break-up is as under:—

Andhra Pradesh-4, Maharashtra-8, Haryana-2, Rajasthan-2, Karnataka-4, Tamil Nadu-2, U.P.-1, Kerala-2, Assam-2, Orissa-2, Bihar-1, Tripura-1, M.P.-4, Punjab-2, West Bengal-1, Gujarat-2.

Impact of Yarn Price hike on Handloom Weavers

186. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOUDHURY:
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:
SHRI G.G. SWELL:
SHRI SARDA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rise in yarn prices has adversely affected Handloom Weavers and rendered more than 10 lakh weavers jobless; if so, details thereof; state-wise;

(b) what is the price of cotton of popular and high cost variety at present and to what extent the price rise is reflected in cotton yarn;

(c) whether it is a fact that Mills are not bringing down yarn prices despite the fall in cotton prices due to ban on export;

(d) whether is a fact that the traders are resisting the fall in cotton yarn prices; and

(e) whether Government are encouraging the blending of man-made fibre and yarn with cotton and cotton yarn; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The prices of yarn including hank yarn have reigstered increase during last few months affecting